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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT,  
et al.,

Consolidated Plaintiffs,

ANIMAL WELLNESS ACTION, et al.,

Consolidated Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNITED STATES FISH AND  
WILDLIFE SERVICE, et al.,

Defendants,

Lead Case  
CV 24-86-M-DWM

Member Case  
CV-24-87-M-DWM  
CV-24-97-M-DWM

**PROPOSED ORDER  
GRANTING THE UNOPPOSED  
MOTION TO INTERVENE AS A  
DEFENDANT BY STATE OF  
MONTANA AND MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH,  
WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE  
FOUNDATION, et al.,

Defendant-Intervenors.

STATE OF MONTANA and  
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH,  
WILDLIFE AND PARKS,

Defendant-Intervenors.

The State of Montana and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (together, "Montana") have filed a motion to intervene as a matter of right in this action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(a) or, in the alternative, to intervene at the Court's discretion pursuant to Rule 24(b).

Good cause showing, IT IS ORDERED that the Unopposed Motion to Intervene as a Defendant by State of Montana and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Montana must adhere to the briefing schedule identified in the case management order (Doc. 33) and that Montana's combined cross-motion, if any, and response to the Plaintiffs' and Consolidated Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment be limited to 6,500 words, and Montana's reply be limited to 2,000 words.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the caption is modified as reflected above and that the Clerk of this Court is directed to file the lodged Answers of Montana.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Donald W. Molloy, District Judge  
United States District Court